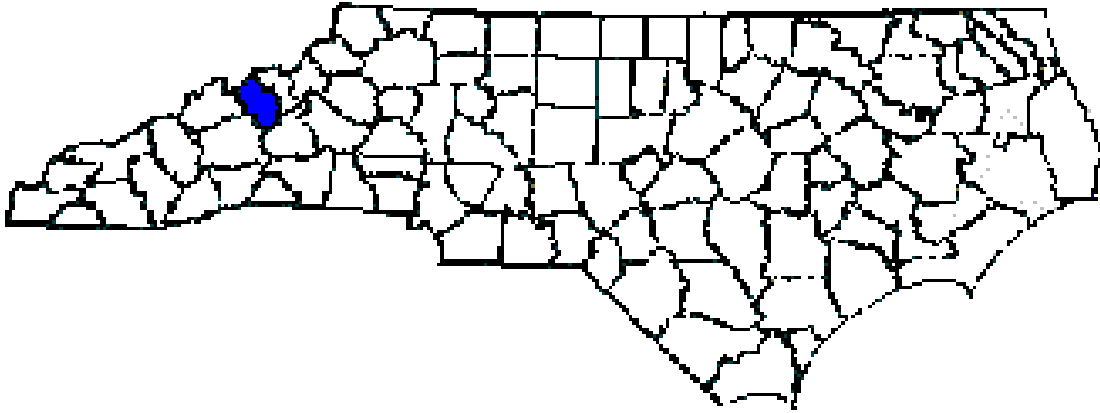


# ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010



**Bald Creek Site #1 Mitigation Site  
Yancey County  
TIP No. R-2518B**



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## **SUMMARY**

The following report summarizes the stream monitoring activities that have occurred during the Year 2010 at the Bald Creek Site #1 Mitigation Site in Yancey County. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) completed this project in July 2009. This report provides the monitoring results for the first formal year of monitoring (Year 2010). The Year 2010 monitoring period was the first of five scheduled years of monitoring on the Bald Creek Site #1 Mitigation Site (See Success Criteria Section 2.1).

Based on the overall conclusions of monitoring at Bald Creek Site #1, it has met the required monitoring protocols for the first formal year of monitoring. The channel throughout the stream enhancement site is stable at this time. The streambank and buffer area have not been planted for the first year of monitoring. NCDOT will monitor the planted vegetation once it is established.

NCDOT will continue stream monitoring at the Bald Creek Site #1 Mitigation Site for 2011.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Project Description**

The following report summarizes the stream monitoring activities that have occurred during the Year 2010 at the Bald Creek Site #1 Mitigation Site. Site #1 is located on US 19 in Yancey County at Sta. 114+50 to Sta. 120+10 -L- (Figures 1 & 2). The Bald Creek Site #1 was constructed to provide mitigation for stream impacts associated with Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) number R-2518B in Yancey County.

The mitigation site provided approximately 1749 linear feet of stream enhancement. Construction was completed during July 2009 by the NCDOT. Stream enhancement involved installing several in-stream cross vane structures and planting the riparian buffer zone.

### **1.2 Purpose**

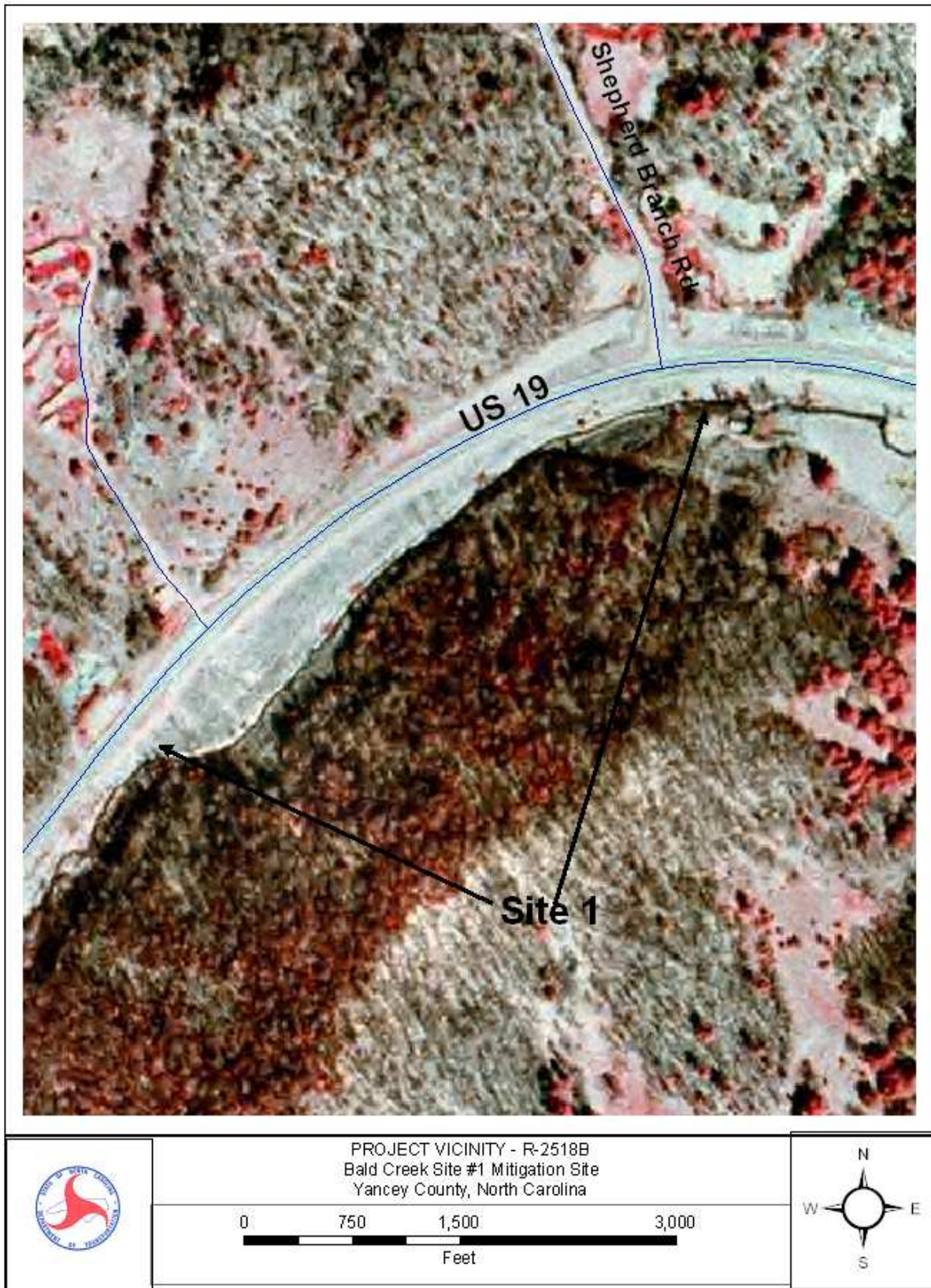
In order for a mitigation site to be considered successful, the site must meet the success criteria. This report details the monitoring in 2010 at the Bald Creek Site #1 Mitigation Site. Hydrologic monitoring was not required for this site.

### **1.3 Project History**

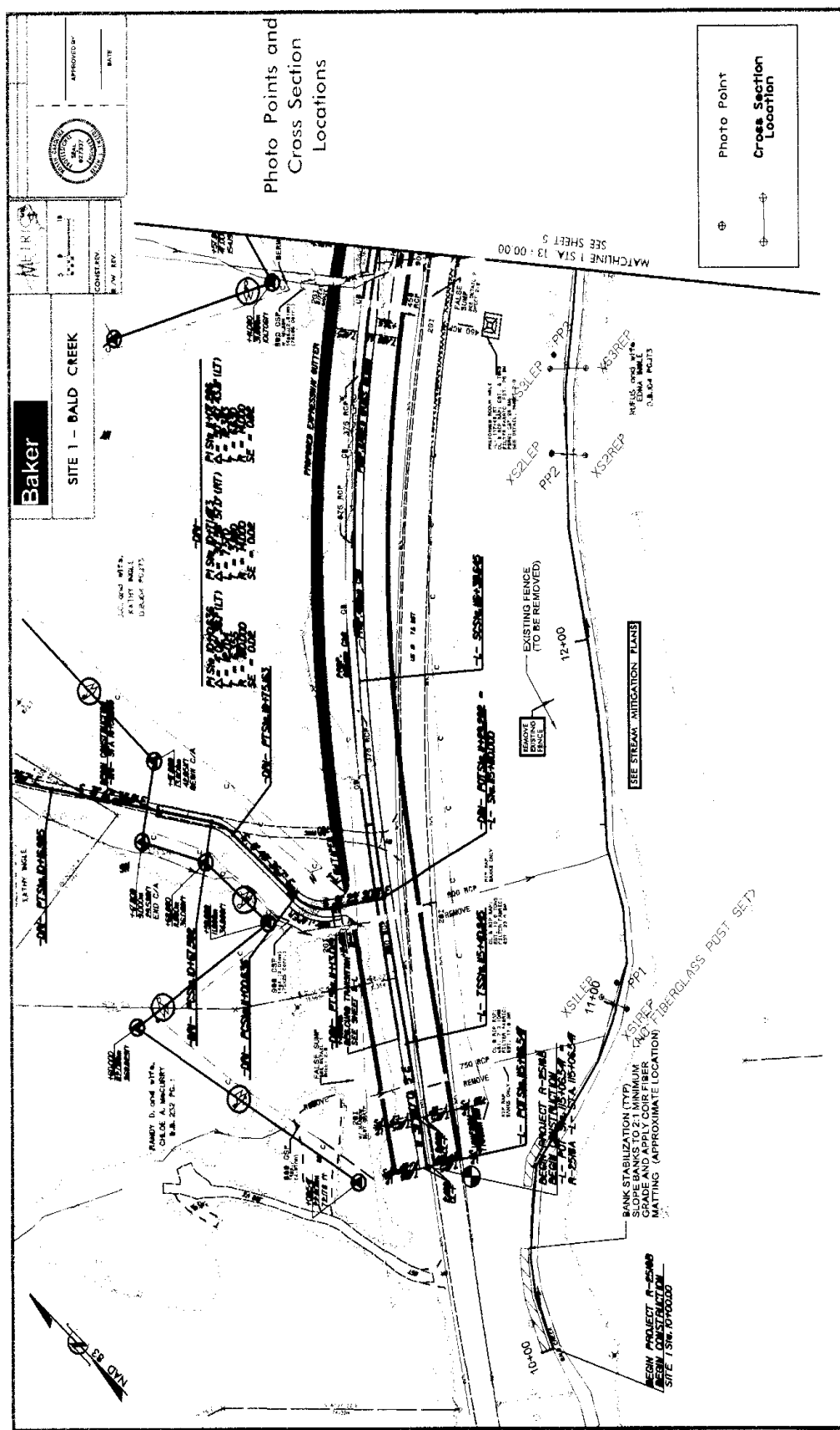
July 2009	Construction Completed
October 2009	As-Built Survey Completed
November 2010	Stream Channel Monitoring (Year 1)

### **1.4 Debit Ledger**

The entire Bald Creek Site #1 stream mitigation site was used for the R-2518B project to compensate for unavoidable stream impacts.



**Figure 1. Vicinity Map**







## **2.0 STREAM ASSESSMENT**

### **2.1 Success Criteria**

The permittee shall monitor the restoration and enhancement mitigation sites following the Level 1 protocols outlined in the "Stream Mitigation Guidelines," dated April 2003 with the following exceptions:

1. Pebble counts shall not be conducted.
2. Two cross sections shall be conducted for streams less than 500 linear feet and five (5) cross sections shall be conducted for streams greater than 500 linear feet.
3. Riparian success shall be by visual inspection of plant survival. Photos will be taken and comments noted on plant survival.

The permittee shall monitor the preservation sites by visual inspection. Photos will be taken and comments noted on plant survival. The monitoring shall be conducted annually for a minimum of five (5) years after final planting. The monitoring results shall be submitted to DWQ in a final report within sixty (60) days after completing monitoring. After 5 years the NCDOT shall contact the DWQ to schedule a site visit to "close out" the mitigation site.

### **2.2 Stream Description**

#### ***2.2.1 Post-Construction Conditions***

The enhancement of Bald Creek Site #1 Mitigation Site involved installing several in-stream cross vane structures and planting the riparian buffer zone.

#### ***2.2.2 Monitoring Conditions***

The objective of the Bald Creek Site #1 stream enhancement was to enhance a B3 stream as identified in Rosgen's Applied River Morphology. A total of four cross sections (two in a riffle and two in a pool) were surveyed. For this report, only cross sections containing riffles were used in the comparison of channel morphology presented below in Table 1 (Site #1).



**Table 1. Abbreviated Morphological Summary (Bald Creek Site #1)**

Variable	Proposed	Cross-Section #1 (Riffle)	Cross-Section #3 (Riffle)	Min. – Max Values (Riffle Sections Only)
		2010	2010	2010
Drainage Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	19.7	14.15	19.03	14.15 – 19.03
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.8	1.67	2.37	1.67 – 2.37
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	25 – 35	17.62	21.98	17.62 – 21.98
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.23	1.13	1.22	1.13 – 1.22
Width/Depth Ratio	13	11.07	12.77	11.07 – 12.77
Entrenchment Ratio	1.4 - 1.9	1.41	1.41	1.41
Bankfull Width (ft)	16	12.51	15.58	12.51 – 15.58

\* Riffle values are used for classification purposes, pool values are shown in Appendix A.

## 2.3 Results of the Stream Assessment

### 2.3.1 Site Data

The assessment included the survey of four cross sections and the longitudinal profile of Bald Creek Site #1 established by NCDOT after construction. The length of the profile along Bald Creek Site #1 was approximately 463 linear feet. Four cross sections were established during the as-built monitoring year. Cross section locations were subsequently based on the stationing of the longitudinal profile and are presented below. The location of the cross sections and longitudinal profile are shown in Appendix A.

Bald Creek Site #1 Cross-Sections:

- ◆ Cross-Section #1: Bald Creek Site #1, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross-Section #2: Bald Creek Site #1, Station 84+00, midpoint of pool
- ◆ Cross-Section #3: Bald Creek Site #1, Station 156+00, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross-Section #4: Bald Creek Site #1, midpoint of pool

Based on comparisons of the As-Built to Year 1 monitoring data, all of the cross sections appear stable with little or no active bank erosion. Graphs of the cross sections are presented in Appendix A. Future survey data will vary depending on actual location of rod placement and alignment; however, this information should remain similar in appearance. The longitudinal profile showed that the channel was stable for the 2010 monitoring evaluation. Pebble counts were not required per the permit conditions and therefore were not completed.

### **3.0 VEGETATION: BALD CREEK SITE #1**

#### **3.1 Description of Species**

The following tree species are scheduled to be planted on the stream bank:

*Salix nigra*, Black Willow

*Cornus amomum*, Silky Dogwood

The following tree species are scheduled to be planted in the buffer area:

*Liriodendron tulipifera*, Yellow Poplar

*Platanus occidentalis*, Sycamore

*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, Green Ash

*Quercus alba*, White Oak

#### **3.2 Results of Vegetation Monitoring**

**Streambank & Buffer Vegetation:** Reforestation has not been completed as of the Year 1 monitoring evaluation.

#### **3.3 Conclusions**

NCDOT will monitor the planted vegetation once it is established.

### **4.0 OVERALL CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Bald Creek Site #1 Mitigation Site has met the required monitoring protocols for the first formal year of monitoring. The channel throughout the stream enhancement site is stable at this time. NCDOT will monitor the planted vegetation once it is established.

NCDOT will continue monitoring the Bald Creek Site #1 Mitigation Site in 2011.

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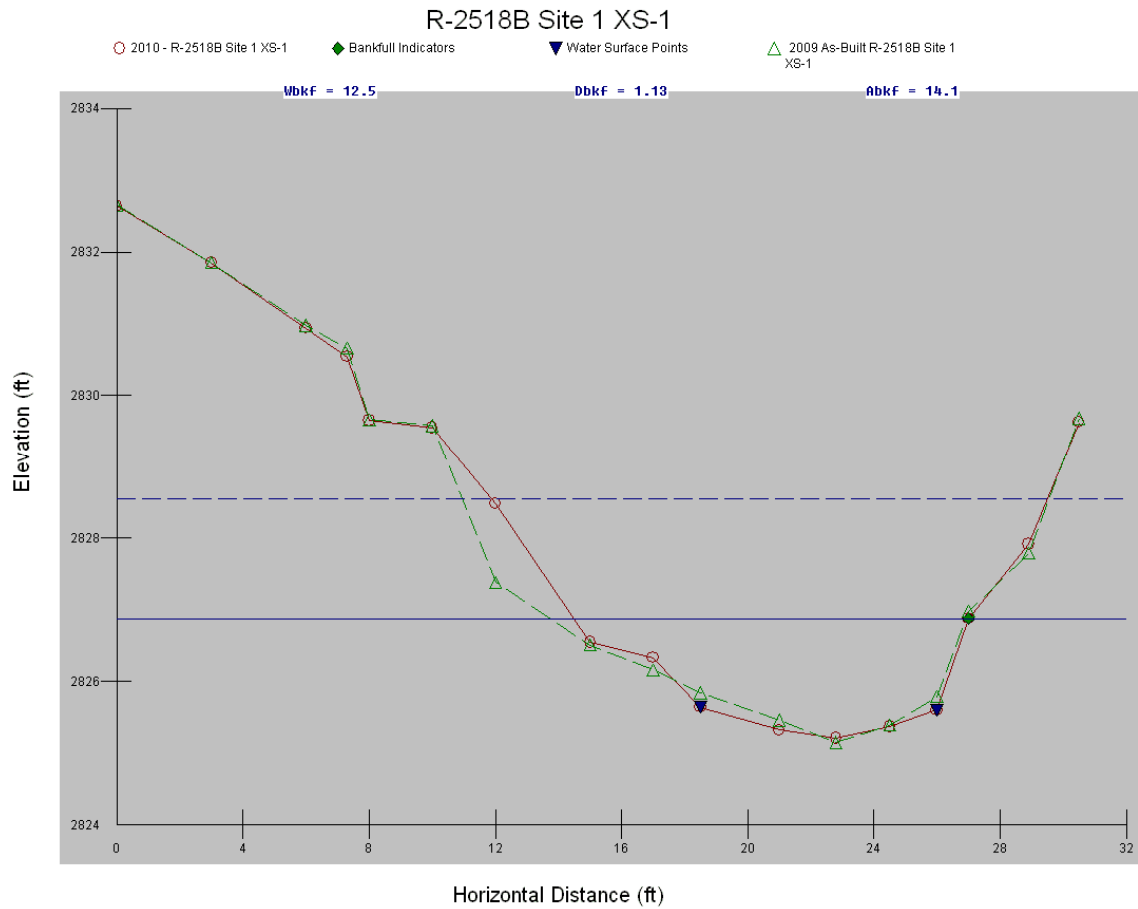
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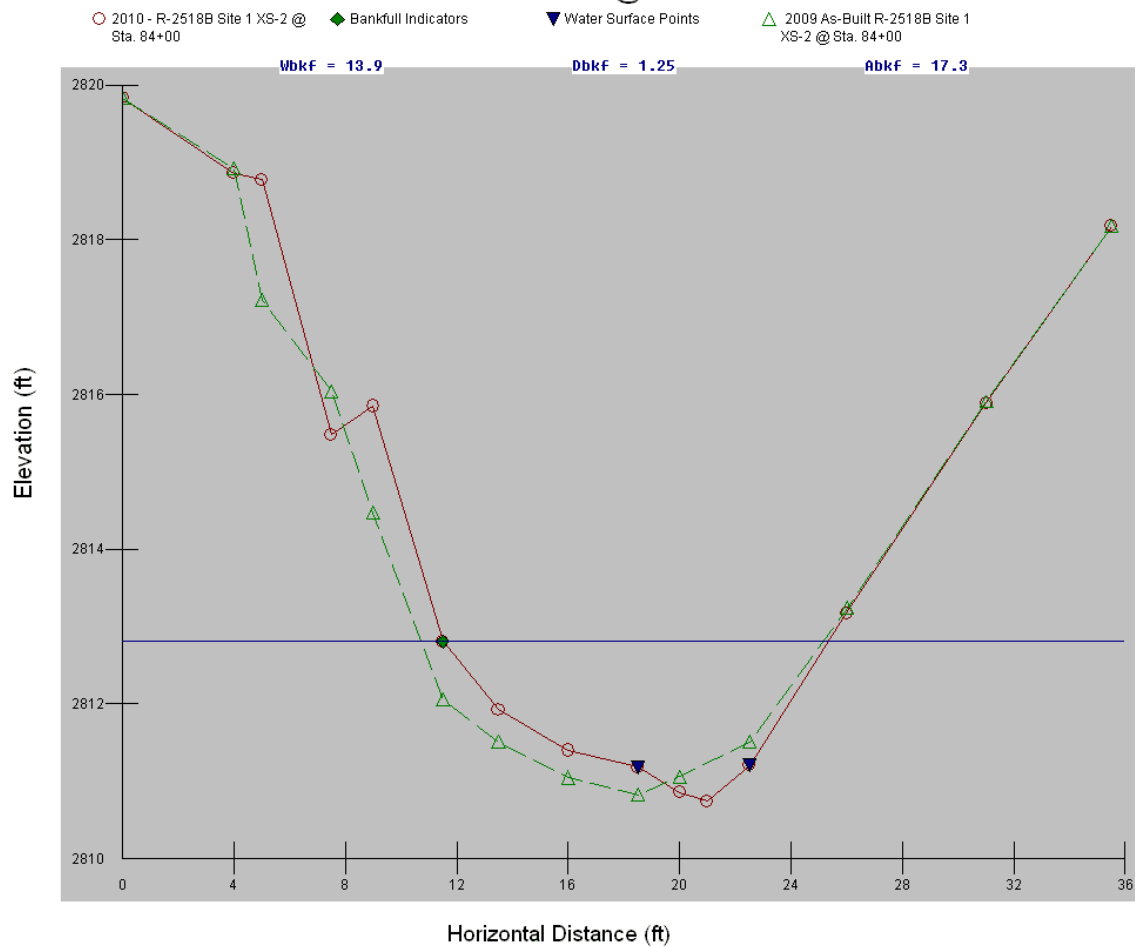
## **APPENDIX A**

### **CROSS SECTIONS AND LONGITUDINAL PROFILE**



Site #1: Cross-Section #1 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	14.15				
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.67				
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	17.62				
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.13				
Width/Depth Ratio	11.07				
Entrenchment Ratio	1.41				
Bankfull Width (ft)	12.51				

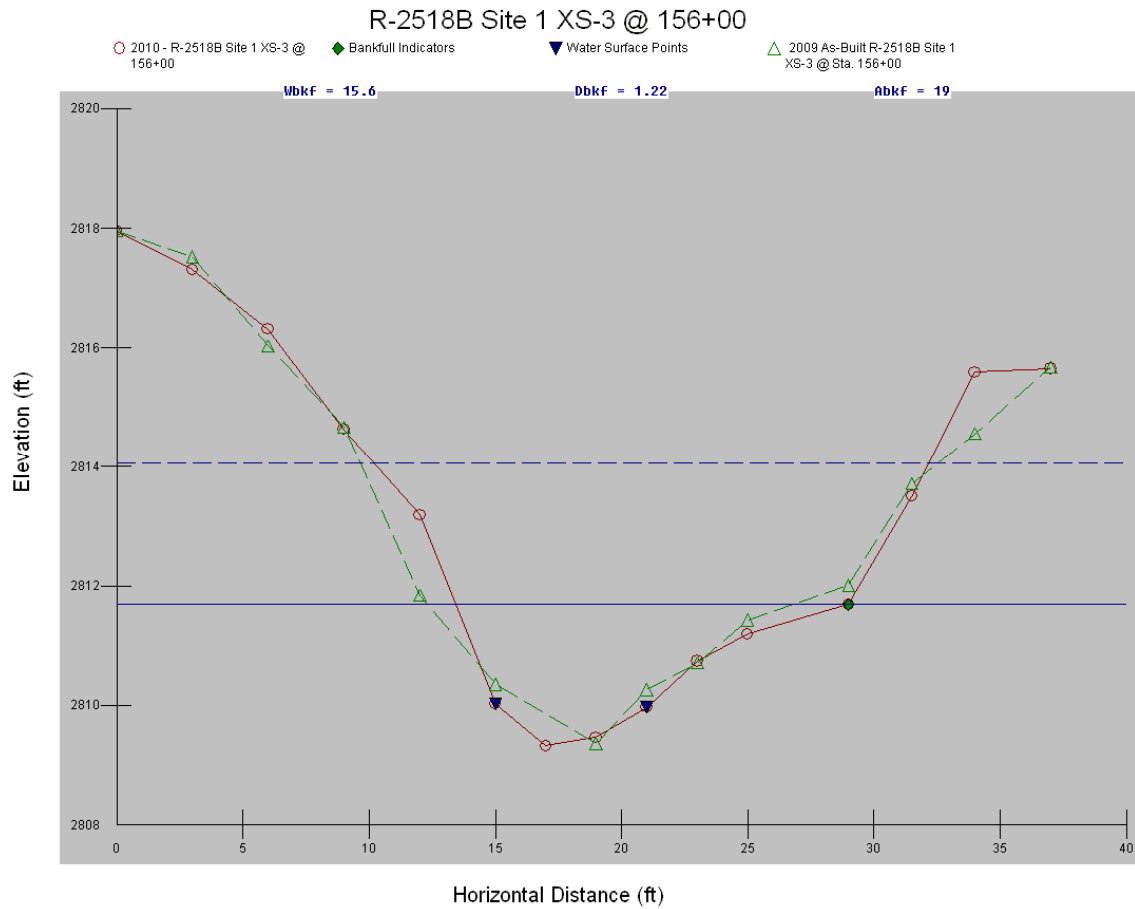
# R-2518B Site 1 XS-2 @ Sta. 84+00



## Site #1: Cross-Section #2 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	17.28				
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	2.07				
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.25				
Bankfull Width (ft)	13.86				

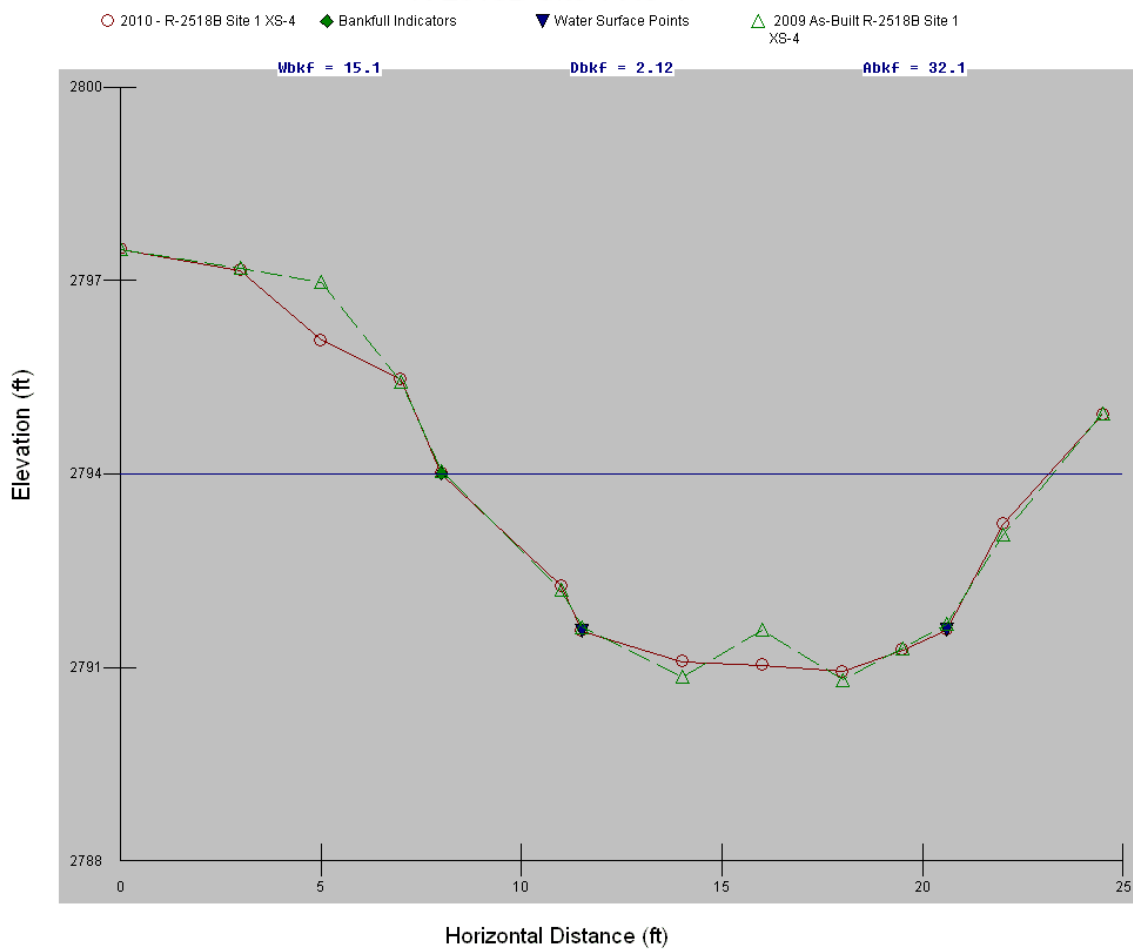
\*According to the Rosgen Classification of Natural Rivers floodprone width, entrenchment ratio, and width depth ratio are not measured in pool, glide, or run features.



Site #1: Cross-Section #3 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	19.03				
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	2.37				
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	21.98				
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.22				
Width/Depth Ratio	12.77				
Entrenchment Ratio	1.41				
Bankfull Width (ft)	15.58				



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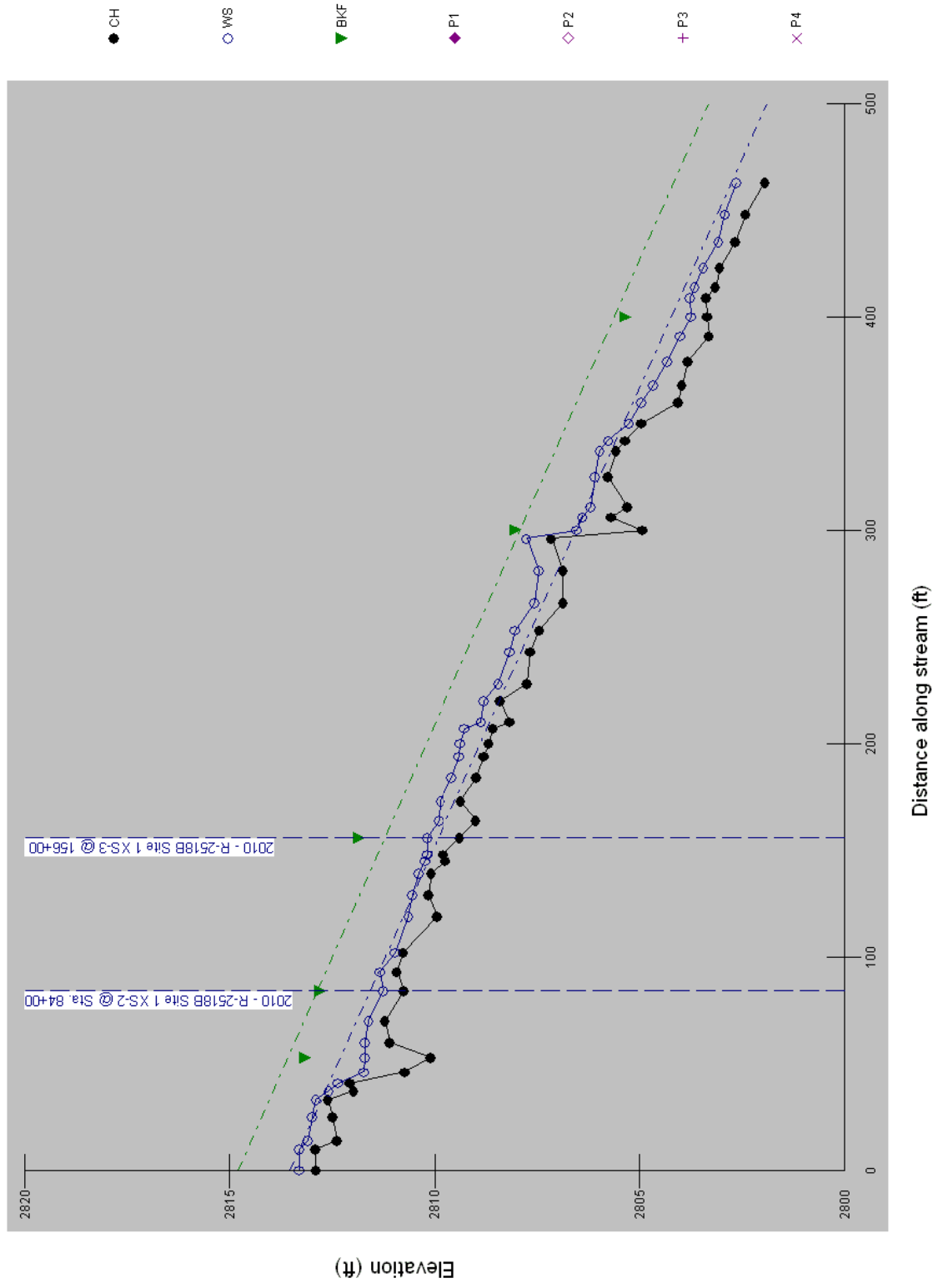


## Site #1: Cross-Section #4 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	32.13				
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	3.07				
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	2.12				
Bankfull Width (ft)	15.15				

\*According to the Rosgen Classification of Natural Rivers floodprone width, entrenchment ratio, and width depth ratio are not measured in pool, glide, or run features.

2010 - R-2518B Site 1 Profile



**APPENDIX B**  
**SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**

# Bald Creek Site #1



Photo Point #1 (Upstream)



Photo Point #1 (Downstream)



Photo Point #2 (Upstream)



Photo Point #2 (Downstream)

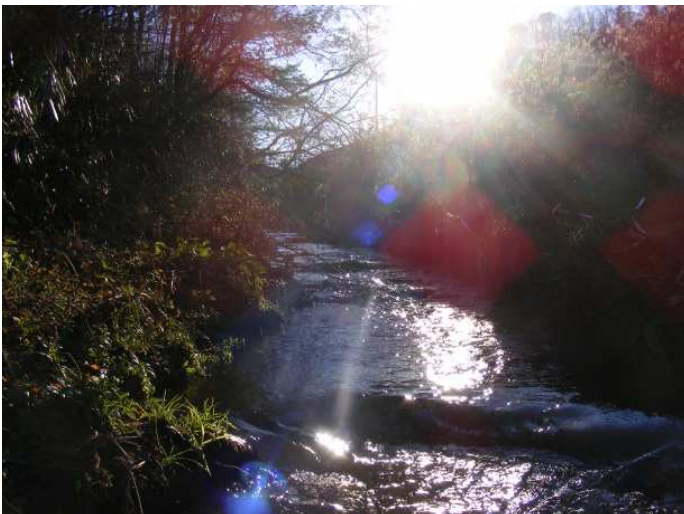


Photo Point #3 (Upstream)



Photo Point #3 (Downstream)

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# Bald Creek Site #1



Photo Point #4 (Upstream)  
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Photo Point #4 (Downstream)